IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE
Criminal Application No.2543 of 2007

Odimengur Samuel Obioha — Applicant
Vs.
State of Maharashtra — Respondent

Ms.Sarojini Upadhyay, Advocate appointed for the applicant.

Ms.P.H.Kantharia for NCB.

Mr.D.R.More, APP for State.

CORAM: B.H.MARLAPALLE, J.

September 18, 2007.

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. Heard Ms. Upadhyay, the learned appointed Advocate for the applicant. Ms.Kantharia appears for the NCB.

. This is an application praying for directions for speedy trial in NDPS Case No.37 of 2006. The applicant has been in jail from 1/10/2005 in connection with the said case.

. Ms.Kantharia on instructions states that NDPS Case No.37 of 2006 has been transferred to the Sessions Court at Thane and re-registered as NDPS Case No.9 of 2007. It was on board before the

Sessions Court on 13/9/2007 and is now adjourned to 27/9/2007 for framing of charge. Ms.Kantharia further states that as per the instructions she has received, there are about 130 cases under the NDPS Act pending before the Sessions Court at Thane and, there is no designated Court for the same as a result of which the trials in all these cases are not progressing.

. If that be so, the Registrar (Judicial) is directed to take appropriate steps to obtain orders for designating a Special Court for NDPS trials in the Sessions Courts at Thane and if required more than one Courts.

. The application is disposed off accordingly.

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